



**BUILDING & PLANNING
SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

COPY TO: Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer
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FROM: Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy CAO for Building & Planning Services *P. Adauto*

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item, May 25, 2004

DATE: May 21, 2004

The following item has been scheduled for City Council action as noted above:

Resolution designating the City owned property bounded by the perimeter of all of Blocks 56, 66, and the South 145 Feet of Block 67 Morningside Heights Addition, according to the plat thereof on record in Volume 11, Page 33, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas, as a "Pedestrian way" and an "Open space" as defined by Section 19.04.040, Definition, of the El Paso Municipal Code, and that the El Paso City Council approves this location as a proposed "Open Space Enhancement" project to be known as "Pollard Street Pedestrian Way" as required by Proposition No. 3 of the Feb. 7, 2004 General Obligation Bond Election. (District 2)

Approved in the 2004 Bond Program, Proposition No. 3 authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds for Open Space Enhancements within District 2 in the amount of \$1,540,271. The Proposition requires the approval of City Council for setting the priorities and locations for expenditures of these bond monies. A project scope for "Pollard Street Pedestrian Way" was requested by City Representative Robert Cushing as the first project to be funded under this category, which is identified as "grading and xeriscaping of City open areas and public rights-of-way." Copies of the email correspondence from District 2 and the Resolution with accompanying Project Scope are attached for your information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-4853 or Irene D. Ramirez at 541-4431.

Adauto, Patricia D.

From: Cushing, Robert A. Jr.
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2004 9:05 AM
To: Adauto, Patricia D.
Subject: Open Space Enhancement, Pollard Street

Mrs. Adauto:

Reference our meeting of 13 May 2004, in my office, wherein you, Ms. Cullen Garney, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Valdez were present, for discussion on the open space enhancement on Pollard Street on the approximately five acre parcel of city owned property south of Texas Gas Company.

As was presented, the main delay/s in moving this project, was directly and proximately related to determination of ownership of the property. It is now apparent that the property is owned by the City of El Paso.

The property is a desert area, and has never had usage as a driveway, parking lot or any type of intended use for either vehicular travel or storage.

Per our concurrence, the property would be an open space that will be utilized as a pedestrian way.

Specifically, it is the intent that the property include enhancement, not limited to, a walkway adjacent to Pollard Street, with walkway in varying configurations throughout the property, with benches and shade covers for same.

Drought resistant plants, trees and shrubs shall be place to fully enhance the appearance and usefulness of the property.

There are anticipated private sector contributions that will be included, not limited to a lighted flag pole, anticipated perpetual flame, and military equipment.

The overall theme will be to commemorate the military and military activities, as this property is situated proximate to the main gate for Fort Bliss, and these enhancements will be consistent with the enhancements that will be made by TXDOT on the adjacent property on both sides of Cassidy Road.

Additionally, the Great Streets monies that are properly to be distributed to District 2 shall further enhance the area on both Van Buren and Monroe Streets, and north and south on Dyer.

This is a key project, and will be included as part of the package that will be provided to Fort Bliss this month, for inclusion in the Fort Bliss presentation on BRAC issues.

Funding source will be from the 04 CIP Bond issue/s as set forth for District 2. It is anticipated that a commitment of \$740,000 will be required.

Due to the significance of this improvement with respect to relations with Fort Bliss I would recommend a fast track for this project with projected completion on 11 November 2004.

RAC, Jr.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2004, the citizens of El Paso approved Proposition No. 3 as identified on the Bond Obligation Election ballot and as described in Ordinance No. 15611; and

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 3 identifies the issuance of general obligation bonds for permanent public improvements including pedestrian ways and also included a specific project named "Open Space Enhancements", which is identified as "Grading and xeriscaping of City open areas and public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Section 19.04.040, Definition, of the El Paso Municipal Code, defines "Open Space" as an area that is intended to provide light and air and is designed for either scenic or recreational purposes, and may include, but is not limited to, lawns, decorative planting, desert areas, foothills, walkways, active and passive recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, Section 19.04.040, Definition, of the El Paso Municipal Code, defines "Pedestrian way" as a "specifically designated place, means or way by which pedestrians shall be provided safe, adequate and usable circulation through the interior of a property or development, and outside any portion of an accessway"; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso owns all of Blocks 56, 66, and the South 145 Feet of Block 67 Morningside Heights Addition, according to the plat thereof on record in Volume 11, Page 33, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that this identified City property be improved with pedestrian paths, benches, a lighted flagpole, perpetual flame, trash receptacles, canopies, irrigation system, landscaping, trees, planters and sidewalks, and developed as an area to accommodate the placement of donated military equipment as exhibits for public viewing; and

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 3 requires the City Council to approve the priorities and locations of areas to be improved with the bond monies for the "Open Space Enhancements" project; and

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the project scope for a proposed project identified as "Pollard Street Pedestrian Way", a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A",

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That the El Paso City Council designates the City owned property bounded by the perimeter of all of Blocks 56, 66, and the South 145 Feet of Block 67 Morningside Heights Addition, according to the plat thereof on record in Volume 11, Page 33, Plat Records of El Paso County, Texas, as a "Pedestrian way" and an "Open space" as defined by Section 19.04.040, Definition, of the El Paso Municipal Code, and
2. That the El Paso City Council approves this location as a proposed "Open Space Enhancement" project as required by Proposition No. 3 of the Feb. 7, 2004 General Obligation Bond Election.

ADOPTED this 25th day of May 2004.


CITY OF EL PASO

Joe Wardy
Mayor

ATTEST:

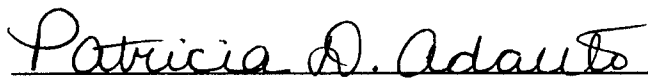
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Theresa Cullen-Garney
Deputy City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Patricia D. Adauto
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Building
and Planning Services

EXHIBIT A PROJECT SCOPE

TITLE: **Pollard Street Pedestrian Way**

LOCATION: Pollard Street at Patriot Freeway

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET: \$ 560,000

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project consists of construction of a pedestrian way on 5 acres at Pollard Street at the Patriot Freeway. Project shall include pedestrian paths, benches, a lighted flagpole, perpetual flame, trash receptacles, canopies, irrigation system, landscaping, trees, planters and sidewalks along Pollard Street. Site shall also accommodate the placement of donated military equipment as exhibits for public viewing.

SERVICES REQUIRED:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soils Investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bidding & Construction	

PRODUCTS REQUIRED:

☒ Plans, Specifications, Estimates

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA:

1. Design must meet all applicable City Codes and Ordinances.
2. Design must comply with Engineering Department Guidelines.
3. Design must comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Work to be coordinated through the Engineering Department with other entities that will be donating specific components of the project.

PROPOSED 2004 PROJECT SCHEDULE:

NTP for design	June 1
Complete design	June 30
Submit to Purchasing	July 9
Bid Opening	August 4
Construction Bid Award	August 24
NTP for construction	September 13
Complete Construction	November 1